five at five:

words from a graduating senior

by kerry martin

I've attended five different colleges in the five years since I graduated high school. I finally graduate this month, so I must have learned something, right? In this, my last the water tower article, I offer you my reflections as I leave the school I have called home for a mere three semesters.

The story of how this came to be is not really what matters here. Even though I have yet to meet someone else who had the burden of learning five different class registration systems, I aim to keep my advice universal. (Registration becomes intuitive, no matter what system the school uses, by the third school.)

Find something you love so much it makes you cry. Freshman year, coming back from my first education class, which I took on a whim, I realized there was nothing I wanted to do but teach. I questioned the feeling several times over the course of college, but whenever I got to walk into a classroom and do what I do, the high of my life came back. I will graduate UVM with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Secondary Education.

You have that thing. I can't tell you what that thing is and neither can anybody else. You might not know until later in your life, but please, when you find it, hold onto it for dear life. You will do that much better because the world will know your drive.

Learn to advocate for yourself in a way that works. I think this is the most important skill in being an adult. As a child, you most likely had all your needs met by others. As we grow up, we learn to meet those needs ourselves. This means when the balance on your bill seems off, call the company and ask why. When the school's policy on something seems unfair, tell the right people why you think so. When you are told "no," politely say thank you and find someone else to ask. Always be respectful, never yell, and never say, "Life is unfair!" Life is unfair. Learn how to make it work for you.

Be an "I," not a "We." Be you. Don't be you and your partner, don't be you and your best friend, don't be around someone else every second of the day. Spend time by yourself, figure out what you like, and do it. One of my good friends likes to take herself to the movies, and I think that's brilliant. Do the same. At all costs, avoid the movies, and I think that's brilliant. Do the same. At all costs, avoid speaking in terms of, "We really liked the show." Don't ever let someone else tell you what that thing is and neither can anybody else. You might not know until later in your life, but please, when you find it, hold onto it for dear life. You will do that much better because the world will know your drive.

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2013 world news predictions

by kerry martin

So, here we are at the semester's end. My first months as an editor for the water tower have been fantastic, and I hope you, my possibly-devoted readers, have had fun absorbing my self-important editorials, liberal diatribes, and transparently biased reporting. I'll be back in January, so stay tuned for this upcoming news:

United States: During his re-inaugural speech, President Barack Obama rolls and smokes a blunt, gives an unscripted performance of "Ms. Jackson" by Outkast, and warns Americans to brace themselves because "Barry's in the house." Later, in his State of the Union address, he maps out his plan to reestablish the Rough Riders, the Green Mountain Boys, and the Tuskegee Airmen to mount a three-pronged attack on Texas.

Mexico: In a surprise move, perhaps brought on by the spirit of the holidays, Mexico's major drug cartels begin distributing drugs for free, providing their laborers with dental plans, and degrading much of their manpower to protecting endangered jungle cats. Newly elected president Enrique Pena Nieto will have an unforeseen problem on his hands: thousands of deaths a year from jaguar attacks. Worried that Obama will ban assault rifles, Nieto hops the border and buys an arsenal of AK-47's to quell the cat problem.

United Kingdom: David Cameron is hospitalized after injuring himself while dancing to "Gangnam Style." In response, Brits start cruelly discriminating against South Koreans, violently attacking their homes and small businesses. Eventually, the Koreans are chased to Ireland, where they teach Tae Kwon Do to the IRA. In a controversial move, Queen Elizabeth II elopes with Prince Harry.

France: President Francois Hollande's proposal to lower the retirement age to 35 and outlaw graduate school is met with mixed responses. The upper classes, annoyed with Hollande's socialist attempt to even the playing field, head to the streets in protest. Hollande finishes lunch and quells the protest, but not before five North African immigrant apartment buildings are burned down and eight sheep are sodomized.

Italy: After facing charges of fraud, corruption, and sleeping with under-aged... read the rest on page 3
"Palestine will become a country under occupation. The terms of reference for any negotiations become withdrawal...Life will not be the same."

by kerrymartin

"A New York City mayoral race without a serious team candidate? That’s like the Upper West Side without Zabar’s, or a yekre without salt.

Robert Shoren, a Democratic strategist commenting on the absence of a significant candidate in the NYC mayoral race, suggests that "either from behind the scenes or in everyone’s face, Jews for their rights and policies, and the world sometimes listens. We think the leadership should happen more often, and probably while wearing boxing gloves (get it, because, y’know, it’s always the news in brief. Sometimes we’re funny)."

by alcott

"The future of the GOP: a triple take"

by jencolling

"People are acting like this last election was some miracle, when in fact it was a real dud. Will there be wait another five years to see if the Republican population engenders again? I probably don’t believe them any more.

But, the protest out, the victory margins. Obama won 52% of the vote. 32% means something. And what Obama was the most important thing it was his
cardin, who said that it’s the political

by bersonov

"Pundits have put forward a long list of explanations for why the Republicans lost this election—changing demographics in some of the states, a better-run campaign on Obama’s behalf, a lack of outside groups to help support the Republican ticket..."

by ivan

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"For a long time, the water tower was used for storing water, and fuel oil and other liquids in the past. But today, it is used as a monument to the city’s history."

by kerry

"Shalom! Chanukah is coming, and in holiday spirit, the water tower is recognizing the ways the water tower can get the community to think about how it can live.

But that doesn’t mean no Republican could. The problem was that the GOP ran candidates who were too
cardinal. Mitt Romney was forced to run the battle for the Senate; in race after race, the Republicans ran candidates who were

by bersonov

"Angered by Palestine’s request to join the twenty-first century and give the Palestinians limited recognition as a state, the United Nations General Assembly voted to admit Palestine as a nonmember observer state by 117 votes to 13, with 11 abstentions.

The United States and Israel were two of only nine countries to vote against the motion. Jews have never been for the United States to do anything to support the

by alcott

"The water tower in the University of Vermont’s UVM Department of Architecture is in the process of being restored. The goal of the project is to preserve the historic water tower, which was originally built in the 1880s.

The water tower will be used for storing water, and fuel oil and other liquids in the past. But today, it is used as a monument to the city’s history."

by alcott
**Happy Hour**

We've watched a lot of TV this year, and drank a lot of beer while doing so. From political comedies to horror films, we've covered a range of genres. Now we're at the point where we're not going to recommend any TV series, but we will recommend a few films.

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**On the Road**

I'm not sure if you've seen it, but it's a film adaptation of Jack Kerouac's book of the same name. I've heard it's not a great film, but it's one of the few films I've seen that actually make me feel like I'm a part of something.

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**Titanic**

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**Django Unchained**

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**Les Miserables**

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**The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey**

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**The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 2**

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**The Hurt Locker**

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**This Is 40**

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**The Game of Thrones: A Book With No Moving Parts**

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A very Jewish Christmas: two new perspectives on the biggest holiday of the year

by yomosedahayon

The first time I ever use Christ- mas was when I was six years old. My family had just arrived in New York City and this was my first American Christmas ever! Not only was it Christmas, but it was Christ- mas in NYC! The most vibrant and colorful feeling that I could ever describe.

Decorations lined the street with bright lights and the music from the various stores playing loudly around. Even the homeless were in the spirit of the Christmas holiday and chose to accept donations, bake cookies, and sing carols on the street and in the parks. Even the homeless were in the spirit of the Christmas holiday and chose to accept donations, bake cookies, and sing carols on the street and in the parks.

There was something going on about a city, so big, it sip to have around ten thousand. When my father sure’s how to handle this feeling, I quickly picked up the other birds, we knew to ask how to proceed. To his shock, every one of his friends and all his family had been born by the Christmas bug and were facing a similar situation. He was a rarity in the Jewish and mental roles of Judas.

He decided that he couldn’t betray his family, but was also going to take care of his family. He had never knew however. It became very clear that he had touched my dad in a special way. It wasn’t the religion, but the atmos- phere that had attracted my father, stor, and me to the holiday. For my family, Christmas in NYC became synonymous with cheer and openess, emotions that tend to get lost in the hustle and bustle of such a huge city. It was that year that I realized something very interesting; Israeli Jews have a very different tradition. Most people who see me in the holidays that I’m the one most times nineteenth century Jews say “Merry Christmas” but since the mind of the more politically correct “Happy Holidays” reverberate.

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I should be clear, I am not religious scholar would call a “terrible Jew.” I keep out of church, first of all, because I’m also very much a “terrible Jew.” I don’t really believe in tradition, but I do believe in the power of the or- drely, the only things that to me in my culture are the things that make me feel special. I am very much a “terrible Jew” when it comes to Christmas, because even though I don’t have a Christmas tree, I still celebrate it in my own way.

Every holiday season, the hustle and bustle of such a huge city can be overwhelming. There are so many things happening at once that it’s easy to get lost in the shuffle.

The key here is balance and understanding of one’s self. The key here is balance and understanding of one’s self. The key here is balance and understanding of one’s self. The key here is balance and understanding of one’s self.
To my newly single friend,  
Now that you're not in a relationship, you can do whatever you want.  
You don't have to worry about your significant other controlling your life.  
Now is the time for you to explore the world and find your true self.  
You're free to do whatever you want and make your own decisions.  
It's a new chapter in your life, and you should make the most of it.

I'm in love with your buns,  
I love the way they smell and the way they move.  
I can't get enough of them, and I'm determined to have them all to myself.  
You're the one I want to spend my life with, and I'll do whatever it takes to make you happy.

You're the best looking TA I've ever had  
You have the most beautiful face, and I could never get enough of it.  
You're the type of person who can make any situation better, and I'm grateful to have you in my life.

I love you.  
I love you more than anything in the world.  
I love the way you look, the way you talk, and the way you make me laugh.  
You're the one person who truly understands me, and I'm so grateful to have you in my life.

The semester is coming to an end,  
I know it's hard to say goodbye, but I'm looking forward to the next one.  
We'll be able to continue our relationship, and I can't wait to see what the future holds for us.

I'm in love with you,  
I know it's hard to believe, but I've never been more sure of anything in my life.  
I love you more than anything, and I'll do whatever it takes to make you happy.
In today's constantly expanding practice of listening to music through web devices like Spotify, Youtube, and of course by means of torrents, it's all too easy to see artists as a collective. The concept of a band is being blurred, and in many cases, it's the individual member who is famous, rather than the band as a whole. This is especially true in the world of punk rock, where groups like the Clash, Generation X, and The Pink Floyd had members who went on to have successful solo careers after the band broke up.

The Clash were a band from London, formed in the late 1970s. They were known for their political and social commentary in their music, and their influence on punk rock and alternative music is still felt today. "London Calling" is one of their most popular albums, released in 1979. It contains hit songs like "London Calling," "Train in Vain," and "I'm Not in Love," and features guest appearances from other punk bands like The Sex Pistols and The Clash's own Joe Strummer.

"London Calling" begins with "Brand New Cadillac," a slow, acoustic song that sets the tone for the rest of the album. The group's trademark guitar riff plays in the background, and the lyrics talk about life in London. "The Gun Issingleton" is a dark, political song that features Joe Strummer's haunting vocals. "White Man in Hammersmith Palais" is another political song, with lyrics that discuss the political corruption of the time. "Rudie Can't Fail" is a ska song that features a horn section and a danceable rhythm. "White Riot" is a song about social protest, with lyrics that call for action against the government.

"London Calling" is a classic album that has stood the test of time. It's a timeless piece of music that continues to inspire new generations of listeners. Whether you're a fan of punk rock or just looking for a good listen, "London Calling" is an album that you won't want to miss.
The girlfriend you don't need to impress over finals.

by georgeloftus

- Turn Redstone lofts into an asshole, that way it would look better and wouldn't leak as much. (This is the last Redstone joke I swear)

- Make the Catholic Center and UVM Hilel form competing football teams, providing bloody entertainment and the opportunity to tailgate with challah.

- Add slides to all the buildings so you can play full size chutes and ladders

- Now that his bush is shaved and he's looking more aerodynamic, let's find that statue of Ira Allan on Waterman Green a lady-friend. Or a man friend. It's 2012.

the results are in!

thanks for your submissions lads.
keep warm, till next november

the top gun
georgeloftus

the classy gent:
owenrachampbell

the vermonter:
aaronschwartz